

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA**

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
Plaintiff,

v.

**ORDER**  
No. 11-cr-306 (MJD/LIB)

CHRIS NEIL FERGUSON.,  
Defendant.

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Clifford B. Wardlaw, Assistant United States Attorney, Counsel for Plaintiff.

Manny K. Atwal, Office of the Federal Defender, and Kevin M. Magnuson,  
Kelley, Wolter & Scott, PA, Counsel for Defendant.

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**I. Introduction**

This matter is before the court on Defendant Chris Neil Ferguson's motions to bifurcate proceedings and to exclude Rule 404(b) evidence. [Docket No. 20.]

Based upon the files, records, and proceedings herein, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that:

1. Defendant's Motion to Bifurcate Proceedings [Docket No. 20] is **DENIED**.

2. Defendant's motion to exclude evidence under Federal Rule of Evidence 404(b) [Docket No. 20] is **DENIED AS MOOT** because the Government has not moved to admit any such evidence.

Dated: January 10, 2012

s/ Michael J. Davis

Michael J. Davis

Chief Judge

United States District Court